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information." They and the special editor are to be congratulated on the high quality of the material presented, for the papers as a rule are not only accurate but interesting. A large edition has been prepared with the object of having copies available for Minnesota teachers and schools, and it is to be hoped that advantage will be taken of the opportunity. Single copies are sold at fifteen cents, six at seventy cents, and ten or more to a single address at ten cents each.

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Acta et Dicta: A Collection of Historical Data regarding the Origin and Growth of the Catholic Church in the Northwest.
Volume 4, number 1. (St. Paul, Catholic Historical Society, July, 1915. 184 p.)

The Catholic Historical Society of St. Paul has been in existence now for eleven years and has issued this publication annually since 1907 with the exceptions of 1912 and 1913. Each volume consists of two of these issues. The most valuable article in the 1915 issue is "The History of the Diocese of St. Paul" by Rev. Francis J. Schaefer. In this is sketched the early missionary activity of the French in the upper Mississippi Valley, followed by a more detailed account of the development of the diocese under its various bishops. Based largely on original material, the article is a real contribution to the history of Minnesota. Other articles included are: "Very Reverend Samuel Charles Mazzuchelli, O. P.," an account and appreciation of the services of this pioneer priest in the Northwest by Archbishop Ireland, and "The Prophecy," an address by Bishop Thomas O'Gorman delivered before the South Dakota Historical Society in 1903. The latter is a superficial account of French explorations in the Minnesota and Dakota region, in which the remarkable statement is made that "from the day Spain occupied Mexico until the relinquishment to France, that is for about three hundred years, all of the land west of the [Mississippi] river was Spanish territory" (p. 25). Surely the bishop is aware that the French held Louisiana from 1699 to 1762, when the part west of the river, together with the island of New Orleans on the east side, was

ceded to Spain. The transfer of this territory from Spain to France just before it was purchased by the United States, was, therefore, a retrocession.

The "Chronicle of Current Events" occupies about half of this number and is devoted largely to matters connected with the dedication of the new cathedral in St. Paul. Of especial historical interest are Archbishop Ireland's sermon preached at the final services in the old cathedral, and a "Brief History of the Cathedral Project." The accounts of various other dedications and jubilees contain some historical and biographical material, including brief histories of the parish of St. Mary at Lake City and of Bethlehem Academy at Faribault. The section devoted to necrology contains biographical sketches of several northwestern priests recently deceased, and the number closes with continuations from the previous issue of lists of the contents of the society's library and museum.

The Catholics of the state have reason to be proud of their historical society and its publications. The time may come in Minnesota, as it appears to be coming in Indiana and some of the other states, when the various Protestant denominations will devote some attention to their history. Only when all of the strands are made available can the history of a community be properly woven.

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Compendium of History and Biography of Carver and Hennepin Counties, Minnesota. By MAJOR R. I. HOLCOMBE, historical editor, and WILLIAM H. BINGHAM, general editor. (Chicago, Henry Taylor and Company, 1915. viii, 342 p. Illustrated)

The first 185 pages of this book are reprinted, page for page, from the historical part of the *Compendium of History and Biography of Minneapolis and Hennepin County* published in 1914. The remainder of the work is devoted to Carver County and is divided about equally between history and biographies. The historical section opens with a description of the county and an account of the early explorers and fur-traders. The beginnings of settlement and county organization are then taken up, followed